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EXTENSION OF THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE BAHAMAS

Programme period	Resources	$
1993	Net IPF	-
	Estimated cost-sharing	65 000
	Total	65 000

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I. JUSTIFICATION

1. The second country programme for the Bahamas was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session for the 1987-1991 period. At its thirty-ninth session the Governing Council approved an extension of the programme for 1992. A series of discussions was held with the Government during the July 1991-June 1992 period.

2. Having been designated as a net contributor country for the fifth cycle, the Government of the Bahamas is required to reimburse fully the costs of future country programmes, either from its own resources or from a combination of these resources and those from bilateral and other donors. However, financial resources are severely constrained by declining revenues from tourism and customs and the requirements of the structural reform programme aimed at attracting new investments to the Bahamas. The economic situation has been compounded by damage caused in 1992 by Hurricane Andrew. Moreover, the general elections in 1992 resulted in a change of government. These factors constitute the principal reason for delays in arriving at a definitive decision about the Government's participation in a third country programme.

3. The proposed extension of the current programme will provide time for consultations between the Government and UNDP. These consultations will deal with the nature of future services to be provided by UNDP, the most appropriate mechanisms for delivering these services, financial commitments and sources and the scope of the technical cooperation programme in the fifth cycle, in the context of the areas of focus specified in Governing Council decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990.

II. OBJECTIVES

4. The objective of the second country programme as regards human resources development remains valid for the period of the extension. In addition, the Government will address the issue of protection and management of the environment. It is expected that the third country programme, based on cost-sharing and other non-indicative planning figure (IPF) resources, will be submitted to the forty-first session of the Governing Council in 1994.

III. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

5. The Government of the Bahamas has identified the need to strengthen its coordination and management of external assistance through training of key personnel in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As regards environmental management, the Government will require UNDP support to prepare policies and guidelines on investment proposals in relation to exploitation of the country's natural resources.

6. Extension of the country programme will allow the Government to proceed with these activities, utilizing carry-over resources from the fourth cycle. It will also provide time to conclude discussions on the formulation of the fifth country programme.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

7. The Administrator recommends that the Governing Council approve the second extension of the second country programme for the Bahamas.

V. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESOURCES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PROGRAMMING

	$	$
A. Ongoing country programme		
Fourth cycle IPF	1 418 000	
Carry-over/borrowing	(17 000)	
Net IPF	1 401 000	
Fourth cycle cost-sharing	84 000	
Subtotal		1 485 000
Other UNDP-administered funds		
SPR	50 000	
TOTAL		1 535 000
B. Anticipated resource needs for extension period		
IPF	-	
Programme cost-sharing	-	
Project cost-sharing	65 000	
TOTAL		65 000
C. Fifth cycle balance available after extension period		
IPF a/	-	
Cost-sharing b/	-	
TOTAL b/		-

a/ No fifth cycle IPF issued.

b/ To be determined during 1993.